are in position, leaving 2 vacancies. Creation of 9 new posts has also been agreed to. Some proposals for making appointments against these vacancies have been received. However, it is not possible to indicate the time by when these would be filled up.

पाकिस्तान द्वारा सैनिक तैयारी किये जाने के प्रति विरोध प्रकट किया जाना

312. **श्री राम चन्द्र विकल :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार ने सियाचिन और भारत सरकार पाक सीमा पर पाकिस्तान की सैनिक तैयारियों के प्रति पाकिस्तान सरकार से विरोध प्रकट किया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस रूप में और उसका क्या परिणाम रहा है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० नटवर सिंह) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने सियाचिन क्षेत्र में पाकिस्तान के सैनिक जमाव के बारे में पाकिस्तान की सरकार को 1987 में सचेत कर दिया था । दुर्भाग्यवश हमारी चेतावनी पर ध्यान नहीं दिया गया।

Issue of passports by Ahmedabad Regional Passport Office

313. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of applications for issuing passports are pending at Ahmedabad Regional Passport Office;

(b) what is the number of passports issued by Ahmedabad Regional Passport Office till date; and

(c) how many passports have been issued in the last three years, year-wise in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) 11,565 applications for issue of Passports were pending in the Passport Office, Ahmedabad as on 31-1-1988.

(b) From 1.1.1988 to 16-2-1988, 6,815 Passports were issued.

(c) The total number of passports issued by Passport Office in the country during last three years are:

1985: 10,84,923

1986: 11,97,745

1987: 10,29,795

Six-national summit at Stockholm

314. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the subjects discussed at the six-nation summit held at Stockholm recently; and

(b) the decisions taken at the summit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The Six Nation Summit at Stockholm discussed the possibilities of achieving a nuclear-weapons-free world following the signing of the historic INF Treaty between the Super Powers and other important disarmament questions such as prevention of an arms race in Outer Space, banning of chemical weapons and halt to all nuclear testing pending the conclusion of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

(b)The Summit adopted the Stockholm Declaration which calls *inter alia* for a nuclear-weapon — free and non-violent world. A report titled "Monitored Nuclear Explosions in 1987" prepared under the aegis of the Six Nation Initiative was also released

the occasion. The Six leaders decided to keep in touch for the forthcoming third special session of the UN General Assembly on disarmament in New York in June this year. The Prime Minister of Sweden agreed to convey the Stockholm Declaration to the nuclear weapon states. The Declaration has been circulated as a UN document and also conveyed to Heads of State/Government all over the world.

Recognizing the need for the establishment of an integrated multilateral verification system within the United Nations, the six decided to jointly propose, at the third UN Special Session on Disarmament this year, that the UN promote the establishment of such a system.

Fall in growth rate

315. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the growth rate envisaged per year (till the end of the year 1987-88) in the Seventh Plan;

(b) what has been the short fall, if any, in the growth rate in the current financial year; and

(c) what steps have been taken to make good of the fall in the growth rate of the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) The growth rate envisaged for the Seventh Five Year Plan is 5 per cent per annum for the plan period as a whole i.e. upto 1989-90.

(b) The growth rate in the current financial year (1987-88) may be around 2 per cent because of the effects of the severe drought on agriculture. Hence, the shortfall is likely to be of the order of 3 per cent.

(c) The steps being taken to ensure achievement of Plan targets include special efforts to expedite irrigation projects, vigorous implementation of special Programmes to increase productivity in rice production in eastern region and in oilseeds production, measures to ensure the required growth in fertilizer consumption, production and distribution of seeds and generation of electricity through better performance. The Policy thrust in remaining years of the plan will be to raise the agriculture production so that overall targetted growth of 5 per cent is achieved with corresponding balance in sectoral structure.

Pakistan's second nuclear plant near Islamabad

316. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report appearing in the "Indian Express' dated 11th January, 1988 to the effect that Pakistan is building its second Nuclear Plan near Islamabad for weapons;

(b) if so, what are the details therefor: and

(c) what are the steps Government propose to take in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have seen reports that Pakistan is setting up a uranium enrichment plant at Golra near Islamabad.

(c) Our apprehensions about the non-peaceful dimensions of Pakistan's nuclear programme have been brought to the notice of all concerned. Government will continue to maintain a close vigil on this as well as other developments having a bearing on the country's security.